

SALVATION IN CHRIST

QUESTION: Is there salvation outside Jesus Christ and His Church?

ANSWER: Absolutely not! All outside of Jesus and His Church are lost (Ephesians 2:12).

The blood of Christ washes away the sins of the alien sinner (Revelation 1:5) when he meets the terms God has laid down in the New Testament. These are: faith (Acts 15:9), repentance (Acts 3:19), confession (Romans 10:10) and baptism (Acts 22:16).

The erring child of God (i.e. one that becomes a New Testament Christian and then quits) is forgiven when he repents, confesses his sins and prays for pardon (Acts 8:22; James 5:16; 1 John 1:9). God will forgive every sin, regardless of what it is, if these conditions are met. Furthermore, Jesus is the only means by which we can gain fellowship with God (Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:3-6; John 14:6). Those who are baptized into Jesus (Galatians 3:27) are “added to the church” by the Lord (Acts 2:47). Since there is only “one body” (Ephesians 4:4, “body” = “church” Colossians 1:18) and that one Church belongs to Christ (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 5:23, 25), all those who obey Him are added to His Church (Acts 2:41, 47).

All those who have NOT been baptized by immersion, in water, for the forgiveness of sins, are in a lost condition (Luke 19:10) However, for those that have put on Christ in baptism, their sins have been forgiven (Acts 2:38). They have been added to the Church and “all things have become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Those in Christ experience a “living hope” that heaven will be their eternal home (1 Peter 1:3-4). Salvation is ONLY in Jesus and His Church!

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